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BIOFUELS CORRIDOR



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**THORNTONS OFFERS E85 FUEL AS PART
OF MULTI STATE CORRIDOR PROJECT**

“Thorntons offers E-85 to consumers in Louisville”

Thorntons is excited to announce the addition of E-85 fuel at the store located at 2700 Fern Valley Road, Louisville, KY. This will be the first Thorntons station in the Louisville area to carry the environmentally friendly fuel. Thorntons currently has 6 locations throughout the company with E-85 fuel - 3 in Illinois, 2 in Indiana and 1 in Kentucky.

The Fern Valley Road location joins over 25 E85 other retail sites along Interstate 65. The “E85 for I 65 – from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico” project includes Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. The corridor project was awarded \$1.3 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Energy.

E-85 is an alcohol-based fuel, comprised of just 15 percent petroleum. Ethanol can be made from virtually any agriculture feedstock from which starch is derived, such as sugar cane, wheat or milo. Today, the vast majority of domestic ethanol is produced from corn, an abundant and renewable grain.

E-85 as an alternative fuel has experienced tremendous growth in the last ten years. The growth is due primarily to the fuel's many benefits as a renewable fuel that helps create a cleaner environment, boosts the U.S. economy and reduces oil imports.

“We are very excited about the expansion of E-85 fuel in our stores,” said Matt Thornton, Chief Executive Officer of Thorntons. “We support the use of ethanol, wherever it is economically available”.

Thorntons Inc is a leading independent gasoline/convenience chain retailer, marketing throughout the Midwest under the brand name of **THORNTONS QuickCafé and Market**. Thorntons ranks among Forbes magazine's 500 largest privately held companies, and they are Kentucky's largest privately held company with over \$1.4 billion in annual revenue. James H. Thornton founded Thorntons in 1971 and they are headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. They operate 156 gasoline/convenience stores, one travel plaza, and seven car washes. They also distribute their petroleum products through their wholly owned Thornton Transportation Company and operate a river bulk storage terminal in Louisville.